

Remarks/Arguments

The Office Action dated November 30, 2005, the time to respond having been extended three months by separate petition to May 30, 2006, has been noted, and its contents carefully studied. In light of the foregoing amendments to the claims, reconsideration of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 is courteously requested.

Initially, the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in the form of claims 17, 18, 21 and 27 is gratefully acknowledged. It is noted that the Examiner has indicated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. However, applicant at this time declines to accept such an invitation to so amend these claims, particularly in light of the amendments to claims 1, 8, 23 and 24 as discussed hereafter, which is believed clearly place the claims in condition for allowance, thereby not requiring that the claims indicated allowable be rewritten in independent form.

Initially, it is noted that the claims have been amended to more clearly recite the invention. More specifically, the claims now clearly call for the selection of how the web page is classified as being done by a web coder (not users), and in accordance with a predetermined classification system. This is clearly reflected in claims 1 and 8, as well as in claims 23 and 24 which also specifically recite that the web coder and the web coding workstation are separate from users of the network, with the web coder user using tools of the GUI in accordance with the predetermined classification system.

Accordingly, in order to facilitate the Examiner's reconsideration, a discussion of the reference is presented herein for the Examiner's kind consideration, from which it will be clearly evident that the claimed invention is not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102 or obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 from the cited reference.

U.S. Patent No. 6,546,393 to Khan

U.S. Patent No. 6,546,393 to Khan (hereinafter "Khan") teaches a system, method and article of manufacture for generating a prioritized network site directory. A link to a site on a

network is generated and the site is then added to a site directory that includes a set of categories. The site is categorized into one of the categories of the site directory and ranked (column 2, lines 11-17).

It is important to appreciate that Khan describes a server system that allows a user to store and categorize their bookmarks on a server. The system merely provides a online bookmark manager so that a site directory can be generated by a user using bookmarks and categories submitted to the server. In this regard, reference is made to column 14, at the section beginning with the title “Online Bookmarks Managing System.”

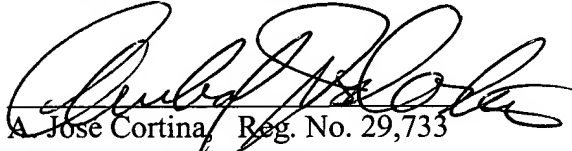
In that section, Khan clearly states that as soon as a user signs up, the user may be set up with a personal password-protected web-based online bookmark account. Every time the user accesses the internet, wherever the user is, the user is able to sign in and see the user’s complete bookmark selection. In this regard, it is also important to appreciate that it is the user that makes this classification and this is quite different and does not anticipate or render obvious applicant’s claimed invention in which selections are made by at least one web coder from a web coding workstation, which is different from the user making the selections. The users in Khan select their own classification.

In contrast, in the invention the selection is done by the web coder using tools of the GUI component and in accordance with the predetermined classification system. These features are now clearly recited in independent claims 1, 8, 23 and 24 and not anticipated by or rendered obvious from Khan. The stubborn fact remains that Khan does nothing more than make selections based on user preferences for each individual user with no overlap, and there is not an independent third party, i.e., web coder which sets the classification using tools of a GUI component in accordance with a predetermined classification system.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully urged that all of the claims clearly define patentable subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and/or 103. Nonetheless, should the Examiner still have any comments, questions, or suggestions of a nature necessary to expedite prosecution

of the application or to place the case in condition for allowance, he is courteously requested to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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